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PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE

Chairman: Alderman Sheard, J.P.

Deputy-Chairman: Councillor Hague.

The Mayor, Alderman Massey, J.P., Councillors Arnold, Flowers,
Green, J.P., Hannan, Hilton, J.P., Ibbotson, Townsley,
and Mrs. Mamourian, J.P.

MATERNITY AND CHILD WELFARE COMMITTEE

Chairman: Councillor Farley.

Deputy-Chairman: Councillor Mrs. Mamourian, J.P.

The Mayor, Councillors Arnold, Flowers, Hall, Hannan, Oldham,
Townsley, Mrs. Wild, J.P., and Mr. Ralphs.

TOWN HALL CHAMBERS,
ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE.

**TO THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF
ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE.**

MR. MAYOR, MR. CHAIRMAN, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN,

I beg to submit a brief report on the health of the Borough for the year 1941. I again repeat that all the usual records have been made and are being kept for future reference.

A Diphtheria Immunisation Campaign was inaugurated in January and continued throughout the year. The response was good, and at the end of the year 3,117 children had been immunised, including 762 children previously immunised.

Scabies was prevalent, but energetic measures were taken to reduce the incidence.

A scheme for Home Helps was arranged in October, but owing to the industrial nature of the district and the call upon women for armament work, it is difficult to get suitable persons to undertake these duties.

During the year preparations were being made for the opening of a War-time Nursery at the West End Council School. This Nursery was opened in February, 1942.

There was no epidemic of infectious disease.

Commending this report to your notice,

I have the honour to be,

Your obedient servant,

MARY EVANS,

Acting Medical Officer of Health.

Staff of the Health Department

Medical.

Alan S. Simpson, M.B., B.S. (Lond.), M.R.C.S., D.P.H., Medical Officer of Health, School Medical Officer, Maternity and Child Welfare Officer, Superintendent of Infectious Diseases Hospital. (Now serving with H.M. Forces.)

Mary Evans, M.B., Ch.B., D.P.H., Acting Medical Officer of Health, School Medical Officer, and Medical Officer for Maternity and Child Welfare.

David Halpern, B.Sc., M.B., Ch.B., Temporary Assistant Medical Officer of Health and Assistant School Medical Officer.

Sanitary Inspectors.

C. Sykes Handforth, M.S.I.A., C.R.S.I., M.Inst.P.C., Chief Sanitary Inspector, Inspector of Meat and Other Foods, etc.

Herbert Hunter, M.S.I.A., C.R.S.I., Additional Sanitary Inspector, Inspector of Meat and Other Foods, etc.

W. L. Barnsley, M.S.I.A., C.R.S.I., Additional Sanitary Inspector, Inspector of Meat and Other Foods, etc.

J. Sagar, M.S.I.A., C.R.S.I., Additional Sanitary Inspector, Inspector of Meat and Other Foods, etc.

Health Visitors.

Nurse Parkinson, S.R.N., S.C.M., H.V. Certificate
(Superintendent).

„ Chamberlain, S.R.N., S.C.M., H.V. Certificate.

„ Weir, S.R.N., S.C.M., H.V. Certificate.

„ Brett, S.R.N., S.C.M., H.V. Certificate.

„ Cleary, S.R.N., S.C.M., H.V. Certificate (appointed
1/1/41).

„ Micklethwaite, S.R.N., S.C.M., H.V. Certificate
(appointed 1/1/41).

Clerks.

C. Sharples, A. Hartley, E. McCabe, P. Crook.

Extracts from Vital Statistics

	M.	F.	Total.
Live Births, Legitimate	302	330	632
Illegitimate	20	17	37
	322	347	669

Rate per 1,000 estimated resident population 14.5

	M.	F.	Total
Still Births, Legitimate	7	9	16
Illegitimate	2	0	2
	9	9	18

Rate per 1,000 total (live and still) Births 26

	M.	F.	Total.
Deaths	348	348	696

Crude Death Rate per 1,000 estimated resident population 15.1

Death Rate (adjusted by R.G.'s A.C.F. figure, 0.97) 15.0

Deaths from Puerperal Causes (R.G.'s Short List):—

	Deaths	Rate per 1,000 total live and still births
Puerperal Sepsis	0	0
Other Puerperal Causes	3	4.31
	3	4.31

Number of Deaths of Infants under 1 year of age 49

Death-rate of Infants under 1 year of age:—

All Infants per 1,000 live births	72
Legitimate Infants per 1,000 legitimate live births ...	68
Illegitimate Infants per 1,000 illegitimate live births ...	135

Causes of Death

during the Year 1941.

	M.	F.	Total
Typhoid and Paratyphoid Fevers	0	0	0
Cerebro-Spinal Fever	1	1	2
Scarlet Fever	0	0	0
Whooping Cough	2	1	3
Diphtheria	1	0	1
Tuberculosis of Respiratory System	18	14	32
Other Forms of Tuberculosis	3	3	6
Syphilitic Disease	3	2	5
Influenza	3	1	4
Measles	1	1	2
Acute Poliomyelitis and Polioencephalitis ...	0	1	1
Acute Infectious Encephalitis	2	1	3
M. Cancer of Buccal Cavity and Oesophagus (Males only)	4	0	4
F. Cancer of Uterus	0	9	9
Cancer of Stomach and Duodenum	8	8	16
Cancer of Breast	0	4	4
Cancer of all other sites (with 3 Sub. groups)	19	18	37
Diabetes	3	7	10
Intra-Cranial Vascular Lesion	18	35	53
Heart Disease (with 4 Sub. groups)	93	90	183
Other Diseases of the Circulatory System ...	10	4	14
Bronchitis	30	28	58
Pneumonia	21	16	37
Other Respiratory Diseases	5	3	8
Ulceration of the Stomach or Duodenum ...	8	1	9
Diarrhoea (under 2 years of age)	4	0	4
Appendicitis	1	2	3
Other Digestive Diseases (with 4 Sub. groups)	9	10	19
Nephritis	5	9	14
Puerperal and Post-abortive Sepsis (with 2 Sub. groups)	0	2	2
Other Maternal Causes (with 2 Sub. groups)	0	1	1
Premature Birth	4	3	7
Congenital Malformations, Birth Injury, Infantile Disease (with 2 Sub. groups)	5	11	16
Suicide	3	0	3
Road Traffic Accidents	4	2	6
Other Violent Causes	15	6	21
All Other Causes (with 14 Sub. groups) ...	45	54	99
	348	348	696

Notification of Births

(Public Health Act, 1936, Section 203).

The Act requires that all births occurring in the area of Ashton-under-Lyne (after the 28th week of pregnancy, whether alive or still) shall be sent to the Medical Officer of Health within 36 hours of the birth. All births occurring within the area are, therefore, notified to me whether the parent is a resident or a non-resident of Ashton-under-Lyne.

			Total Notified	Ashton Residents
Number of Live Births...	Notified	Male 734 Female ... 719	1453	677
Number of Still Births ...	Notified	Male 40 Female ... 33	73	21
By Institutions:—				
		Lake Hospital	924	
		District Infirmary ...	250	
		Nursing Homes	43	
		Midwives	297	
		Doctors	11	
		Other Sources	1	
			1526	

Notifications received by Department in-
cluded above, but transferred elsewhere 828

Total Notified Births allocated to Ashton-under-Lyne 698

Percentage of Total Notified Births (Live and Still) received from	(a) Institutions and Nursing Homes	80%
	(b) Municipal Midwives	19%
	(c) Other Sources	1%

Midwives Practising in the Area.

There were five midwives practising in the area during 1940, and all five were Municipal Midwives appointed by the Lancashire County Council.

Transferred Births.

The names and addresses of 876 infants and young children who left the borough (including those children born in institutions in Ashton whose home addresses were outside the district) were notified to the Medical Officers of the areas of their destination and 60 notified as coming to live in the borough.

Maternal Mortality.

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE.

Maternal Mortality Rate (per 1,000 Total Births <i>i.e.</i> , Live and Still).	Puerperal Sepsis 0.00 Other Puerperal Causes 4.31
	Total ... 4.31

On investigation it was found that all the three deaths were unavoidable.

Ante-Natal Clinic.

This Clinic is held every Friday afternoon, one week at the Richmond Street Centre, and the following week at Enville House Centre.

Fifty-one sessions were held during 1941 and 290 expectant mothers made 1,099 attendances.

This figures of 290 represents an attendance of 43 per cent. of the total notified (live and still) births.

The nutrition of the expectant mothers received special attention. Extra milk, Adexolin Capsules and iron preparations are available for all who attend. The number of cases admitted to the Lake Hospital under the Council's Assisted Scheme during the year was 105.

Post-Natal Clinics.

This Clinic is held on the first Thursday afternoon in the month at Enville House Centre.

There were nine sessions in the year and the number of patients who attended was 47.

Stillbirths.

The number of stillbirths notified amongst Ashton residents during 1941 was 21. The stillbirths are investigated by the Health Visitors and Medical Officer and the causes of death carefully noted.

INFANT MORTALITY

The causes of the 49 deaths were as follows:—

Measles	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2
Whooping Cough	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2
Diarrhœa	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2
Other Tuberculous Diseases	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
Congenital Malformations	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	11
Premature Birth	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	10
Atrophy, Debility and Marasmus	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
Bronchitis	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
Pneumonia (all forms)	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	11
Suffocation, overlying	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
Other causes	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	4
									—
									49
									—

Child Welfare Centres

The work at the Infant Welfare Centres has been well maintained during 1941, and the following figures show the number of sessions held, the number of consultations and the weighings carried out at the Centres:—

Consultations held	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	118
Attendances at consultations	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1929
Number of Weighings of Children	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	8361

Total number of attendances at all Centres during the year:

- (1) By children under 1 year of age 6,967
- (2) By children between the ages of 1 and 5 2,054

Total number of children who attended at the Centres for the first time during the year, and who on the date of their first attendances were:—

- (1) Under 1 year of age 502
Percentage of notified live births
represented by this figure, 74%.
- (2) Between the ages of 1 and 5 years 158

Total number of children who attended at the Centres during the year and who, at the end of the year were:—

- (1) Under 1 year of age 348
- (2) Between the ages of 1 and 5 years 575

The fact that 74% of the total notified births are brought to the Welfare Centres is an indication that the work is of value and appreciated by the parents.

Provision of Dried Milk

During 1941, 15,924 packets of dried milk were sold at the Centres.

1,040 were sold at half-price and 5,008 were provided free, in accordance with the income scale adopted.

The net cost to the Council amounted to £458 3s. 7d.

Orthopædic Treatment

Number of pre-school children attending clinic, 81.

A classification of the conditions for which the above individual children were treated is set out below:—

1. Rickets	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	3
2. Genu-Valgum (knock-knee)	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	38
3. Genu-Varum (bow-leg)	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
4. Spurius-Valgum (Flat-foot)	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	6
5. Torticollis (Wry-neck)	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	7
6. Postural Deformities	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
7. Congenital deformities	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	7
8. Other conditions	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	18
								—
								81
								—

One case was referred to Biddulph Orthopædic Hospital for treatment.

Artificial Sunlight Clinic

One hundred and seven children made 2,105 attendances.

Child Life Protection

PUBLIC HEALTH ACT, 1936.

Sections 206—220.

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|-----|---|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|---|
| (a) | Number of persons who were receiving children for reward at the end of the year | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 6 |
| (b) | Number of children on the register at the end of the year | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 6 |
| (c) | Number of Child Protection Visitors at the end of the year who were Health Visitors | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 6 |
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Nursing Homes

PUBLIC HEALTH ACT, 1936.

Sections 187—195.

The Lancashire County Council have delegated their powers under the above Act to the Ashton-under-Lyne Borough Council who are the supervising authority for this purpose.

There is one Nursing Home registered in the Borough at:—
24, Villiers Street.

The number of inspections carried out during the year 7.

Evacuees

During the year some numbers of evacuees were received from other areas. These were all twice medically examined prior to being billeted.

The Prevalence and Control over Infectious Diseases.

The cases of Infectious Diseases notified during the year were as follows:—

DISEASE	Total Cases at all Ages	Total Deaths	HOSPITAL	
			Total Cases removed to Hospital	Deaths in Hospital of persons belonging to district
Diphtheria and Membranous Croup	38	1	35	—
Erysipelas	12	—	3	—
Scarlet Fever	48	—	27	—
Enteric Fever (including Paratyphoid)	7	—	7	—
Puerperal Pyrexia	23	—	3	—
Cerebro-Spinal Meningitis	16	2	10	—
Poliomyelitis	4	1	2	—
Ophthalmia Neonatorum	5	—	—	—
Acute Primary Pneumonia	79	37	—	—
Acute Influenzal Pneumonia	7	—	—	—
Measles	260	2	1	—
Whooping Cough	128	3	2	—
Totals	627	46	90	—

Diphtheria.

There was a decrease in the incidence of Diphtheria. The cases were mild. One death occurred in a child who had not been immunised.

Diphtheria Immunisation.

A Diphtheria Immunisation Campaign was inaugurated in January and continued throughout the year. In January and February every School was visited by the School Medical Staff to carry out the immunisation of the children whose parents had given their consent. Sessions for immunisation were also held at the School Clinic and Maternity and Child Welfare Centres.

The number of children immunised during the year was:—

Under five years	...	...	...	...	392
Between five and 15 years	...	...	...	...	1963
Total	...	...	...	...	2355

Para-Typhoid B Fever.

Nine cases were notified, the diagnosis being confirmed in six cases. Two were admitted from other areas to hospitals in the borough. One case had possibly contracted the disease while on holiday in another area. In spite of exhaustive enquiries into the cases it was impossible to trace the source of infection.

Measles.

Measles was prevalent early in the year—the decline of an epidemic from 1940.

Pneumonia.

Eighty-six cases of primary Pneumonia were notified. All notifications were notified to the District Nursing Association.

The following visits to patients were made by the District Nurses, 565.

Scabies.

The incidence of Scabies still remains high. The Scabies Order, which came into force in October, 1941, gives Local Authorities extended power to deal with households affected with Scabies.

Treatment by baths and the application of Benzyl Benzoate was continued at the First-aid Post.

A special report on "Infestation by Lice" was made during the year.

Arrangements were made with the Hyde Authority for the admission of cases of Typhus Fever to the Borough Hospital, Hyde, if any cases should occur.

Housing Statistics

Number of new houses erected during the year:—

(a) Total (including numbers given separately under (b))

(1) By Local Authority	...	...	...	...	...	Nil.
(2) By other Local Authorities	...	...	...	...	...	Nil.
(3) By other bodies or persons	...	...	...	...	...	Nil.

(b) With State assistance under the Housing Acts:—

(1) By the Local Authority (included under (a) (1) above)	...	...	...	...	...	Nil.
(2) By other bodies or persons (included under (a) (3) above)	...	...	...	...	...	Nil.

Inspection and Supervision of Food

Bacteriological Examination of Milk.

The following table shows the results of samples taken under this head:—

Sample No.	Type of Milk	Methylene Blue Test.	Coliform Test	Bacteria per c.c.	B.Coli in 1/100 c.c.
1.—T.T. Certified	...	Satisfactory	...	—	...
2.—Pasteurised	...	—	...	144,000	...
3.—Ordinary	...	—	...	18,000	...
4.—	„	...	—	31,000	...
5.—	„	...	—	10,000	...
6.—Pasteurised	...	—	...	41,000	...
7.—Ordinary	...	—	...	10,000	...
8.—	„	...	—	103,000	...
15.—	„	...	—	13,200	...
16.—	„	...	—	61,000	...
17.—	„	...	—	85,000	...
18.—	„	...	—	3,200,000	...
19.—Ordinary before Pasteurisation	...	—	...	2,900,000	...
20.—Pasteurised	...	—	...	123,000	...

Bacteriological Examination of Ice Cream and Other Foods.

										Result—
9.—Ice Cream	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	Unsatisfactory.
10.—"	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	Satisfactory.
11.—"	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	Unsatisfactory.
12.—"	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	"
13.—"	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	Satisfactory.
14.—"	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	Unsatisfactory.
21.—Boiled Cockles	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	Satisfactory.
22.—Fish Paste	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	"
23.—Ice Cream	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	"
24.—"	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	"
25.—"	(Strawberry Flavour)							...	...	"
26.—"	(Vanilla flavour)							...	...	"
27.—Ice Cream Powder (Frozen Joy)	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	"
28.—Synthetic Fat	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	"
29.—Milk Powder	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	"
30.—Emergency Mix	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	"
31.—Sweetening	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	"
32.—Ice Cream	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	"
33.—Artificial Cream	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	"

Venereal Disease

Public Health (Venereal Diseases) Regulations, 1916.

The Lancashire County Council, who administer these regulations, have a treatment centre at the Ashton-under-Lyne District Infirmary.

The following shows the work carried out at the Venereal Diseases Clinic at the Ashton-under-Lyne District Infirmary during the year 1941:—

Patients under treatment at 1st January, 1941	...	105
New cases admitted during 1941	...	147
Total attendances	...	2,694
Patients receiving treatment at the end of 1941	...	104
Pathological examinations for V.D. patients	...	1,224

Of the 147 new cases admitted during the year, 52 were Ashton residents.

There is an increase in the incidence of Venereal Disease in the area due to war conditions.

Report of the Tuberculosis Officer for the Year 1941

No Tuberculosis Report available from the Tuberculosis Officer until after the war.

TUBERCULOSIS. New Cases and Mortality during 1941.

Age Periods Years	NEW CASES				DEATHS			
	Respiratory		Non-Respiratory		Respiratory		Non-Respiratory	
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
0	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
1	—	1	—	1	—	1	—	1
5	—	—	1	1	—	—	—	—
10	1	2	3	—	—	—	—	—
15	3	5	1	2	—	2	—	1
20	2	1	1	1	3	—	1	—
25	8	5	2	1	4	6	1	1
35	3	6	—	—	3	2	—	—
45	6	—	—	—	3	—	—	—
55	4	2	—	—	3	3	—	1
65 and upwards ...	1	1	—	—	2	—	—	—
Total... ..	28	23	8	6	18	14	2	4
TOTALS	65				38			

Annual Report of the Chief Sanitary Inspector for the Year 1941

Details of Inspections Made and Work Carried Out During 1941.

Number of premises visited (including Housing)	3056
Number of nuisances abated	1287
Preliminary notices and letters served with respect to nuisances	172
Number of visits to premises re defective and choked W.C.s, W.W.C.s, slop sinks, waste and soil pipes	347
Number of visits to common lodging-houses, furnished rooms and dwelling vans	117
Number of visits to slaughter-houses	301
Number of visits to cowsheds, milk shops, refreshment houses, ice-cream makers and bakehouses	511
Number of visits to factories and workshops	239
Number of visits to offensive trade premises	35
Number of visits re rat infestations	97
Number of samples taken under the Food and Drugs Act ...	60

FACTORIES ACT, 1937.

1. INSPECTIONS for purposes of provisions as to health. Including Inspections made by Sanitary Inspectors.

Premises (1)	Number of		
	Inspections (2)	Written Notices (3)	Occupiers Prosecuted (4)
Factories with Mechanical Power... ..	61	4	—
Factories without Mechanical Power ...	172	2	—
Other Premises under the Act (including works of building and engineering construction but not including outworkers' premises)... ..	6	—	—
Total	239	6	—

2. DEFECTS FOUND

Particulars (1)	Number of Defects			Number of defects in respect of which Prosecutions were instituted (5)
	Found (2)	Remedied (3)	Referred to H.M. Inspector (4)	
Want of Cleanliness (S. 1) ...	1	1	—	—
Overcrowding (S. 2)	—	—	—	—
Unreasonable Temperature (S. 3)	—	—	—	—
Inadequate Ventilation (S. 4)...	—	—	—	—
Ineffective Drainage of Floors (S. 6)	—	—	—	—
Sanitary Conveniences { Insufficient ...	—	—	—	—
(S. 7) { Unsuitable or Defective ...	10	10	—	—
{ Not Separate for Sexes ...	—	—	—	—
Other Offences	—	—	—	—
(Not including offences relating to Home Work or offences under the Sections mentioned in the Schedule to the Ministry of Health (Factories and Workshops Transfer of Powers) Order, 1921, and re-enacted in the Third Schedule to the Factories Act, 1937)	—	—	—	—
Total	11	11	—	—

Food and Drugs Act, 1938

During the year sixty samples were taken and submitted to the Public Analyst, and the following table gives details of of the samples taken:—

TABLE No. 1

Milk	50
Sugar	1
Ice Cream	6
Sausage	1
Orange Juice Substitute	1
Victoria Galantine	1
	60

PARTICULARS OF ADULTERATION

No.	Article.	Adulteration or Offence.	Remarks.
125.	Grade "A" Sausage ...	Contained $\frac{1}{8}$ of meat associated with Grade "A" Sausage	Informal
151.	Sugar	Dirty	Informal
179.	Ice Cream	Absence of Milk fat or any other fat ...	Informal
182.	Ice Cream	do. —	Informal

Meat Inspection

TABLE No. 2

Carcases with all organs condemned as totally unfit for human consumption.

Animals.	Tuberculosis.		Accident.	Inflammatory Diseases	Other Conditions
Cows	19	...	—	1	1
Bulls	2	...	—	—	—
Bullocks	1	...	—	—	—
Heifers	1	...	—	—	1
Calves	—	...	—	—	1
Sheep	—	...	—	—	7
Pigs	—	...	—	—	2

Carcases partially condemned as unfit for human consumption.

Animals.	Tuberculosis.		Accident.	Inflammatory Diseases	Other Conditions
Cows	22	...	—	—	1
Bulls	2	...	—	—	—
Bullocks	—	...	—	—	4
Calves	—	...	—	—	—
Sheep	—	...	—	—	—
Pigs	—	...	—	—	—

TABLE No. 3

Various Organs Condemned as Unfit for Human Consumption.

	Heads	Tongues	Lungs	Livers	Stomachs	Hearts	Spleens	Mesenteries	Intestines	Udders	Kidneys	Diaphragms	Omentum.	Uterus
Tuberculosis:														
Bovines	141	141	341	51	15	31	9	90	48	2	12	16	2	—
Pigs	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Inflammatory Diseases:														
Bovines	3	3	8	40	2	4	7	2	3	11	2	1	—	2
Pigs	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Sheep	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Parasitic Diseases:														
Bovines	7	7	5	24	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Pigs	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Sheep	—	—	1	3	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—

The following table gives some idea of the work involved in this particular branch of my department:

No of visits to slaughter-houses during 1941	...	...	301
No. of visits to food premises and markets	...	...	396
No. of carcasses inspected:—			
Cattle and Calves...	...	...	1,729
Sheep and Lambs	...	...	9,434
Pigs	...	...	1
Total			11,164

The total weight of meat and offals destroyed during the year as diseased, unsound and unfit for the food of man was 33,380 lbs., or 14 tons 18 cwts. 0 qrs. 4 lbs.

